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SUBJECT: PLO, JORDANIAN AND SAUDI VISITORS DISCUSS ARAB SITUATION

1. PLO, JORDANIAN AND SAUDI REPRESENTATIVES PAID RECENT VISITS TO MOROCCO. PLO DELEGATION, WHICH ARRIVED AUG 7 FROM ALGIERS, WAS LED BY ABDEL JAWAD SALEH, OF PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND INCLUDED HANI HASSAN, MEMBER OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF FATAH, AND SAMI ATARI, PAST MEMBER OF PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. VISIT DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS PART OF PLO'S EFFORT TO EXPLAIN ITS POSITION ON RECENT SADAT-HUSSEIN COMMUNIQUE AND ON QUESTION OF POSTPONEMENT OF ARAB SUMMIT.

2. ON AUG 8, KING HASSAN RECEIVED BAHAD-DIN TOUQAN, MINISTER OF JORDANIAN COURT. SUBJECT MATTER NOT REVEALED, BUT TALKS APPARENTLY DEALT WITH SAME ISSUES.

3. SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR SAQQAF MADE BRIEF STOPOVER ON AUG 9, ARRIVING FROM ALGIERS, TO DELIVER MESSAGE TO KING HASSAN FROM KING FAYSAL.

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CONTENT OF MESSAGE NOT PUBLICIZED, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD GUESS IT ALSO DEALT WITH PALESTINIANS AND SUMMIT.

4. COMMENT: PLO AND JORDANIAN VISITS FALL INTO PATTERN OF CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS IN CONTEXT OF KING HASSAN'S EFFORTS TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. KNOWLEDGEABLE JORDANIAN EMBASSY SOURCE TELLS US THAT NO PROGRESS MADE THUS FAR, BUT EFFORTS ARE TO CONTINUE. SOURCE FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT INCREASED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR PLO LINED UP BY YASSER ARAFAT IN MOSCOW RECENTLY WILL MAKE PLO EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR JORDAN TO DEAL WITH.

5. MEANWHILE, IT IS GENERALLY TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN RABAT THAT DECISION TO POSTPONE ARAB SUMMIT ALREADY MADE AND THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON.
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